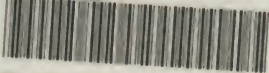


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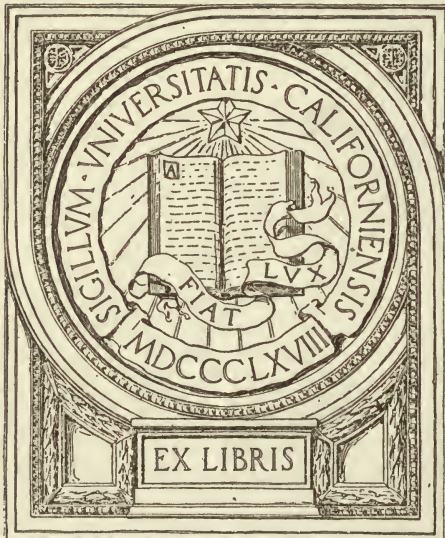


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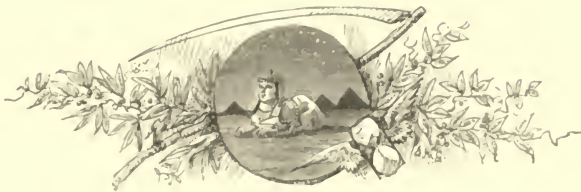


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Make me a child again, just for to-night !  
Mother, come back from the echoless shore,  
Take me again to your heart, as of yore ;  
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,  
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair,  
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep, —  
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Backward, flow backward, O tide of the years !  
I am so weary of toil and of tears, —  
Toil without recompense, tears all in vain,  
Take them and give me my childhood again ;  
I have grown weary of dust and decay,  
Weary of flinging my soul-wealth away,  
Weary of sowing for others to reap, —  
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Tired of the hollow, the base, the untrue,  
Mother, O mother, my heart calls for you ;  
Many a summer the grass has grown green,  
Blossomed and faded, our faces between,  
Yet, with strong yearning and passionate pain,  
Long I to-night for your presence again.  
Come from the silence so long and so deep, —  
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Over my heart, in the days that are flown,  
No love like mother-love ever has shone ;  
No other worship abides and endures  
Faithful, unselfish, and patient, like yours ;  
None like a mother can charm away pain  
From the sick soul and the world-weary brain.  
Slumber's soft calms o'er my heavy lids creep, —  
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Come, let your brown hair, just lighted with gold,  
Fall on your shoulders again, as of old ;  
Let it drop over my forehead to-night,  
Shading my faint eyes away from the light,  
For with its sunny-edged shadows once more,  
Haply will throng the sweet visions of yore ;  
Lovingly, softly, its bright billows sweep, —  
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Mother, dear mother, the years have been long,  
Since I last listened your lullaby song ;  
Sing, then, and unto my soul it shall seem  
Womanhood's years have been only a dream.  
Clasped to your heart in a loving embrace,  
With your light lashes just sweeping my face,  
Never hereafter to wake or to weep, —  
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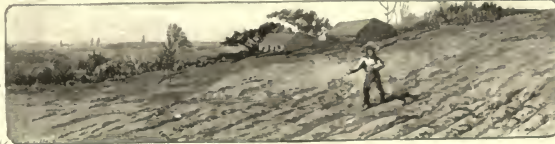
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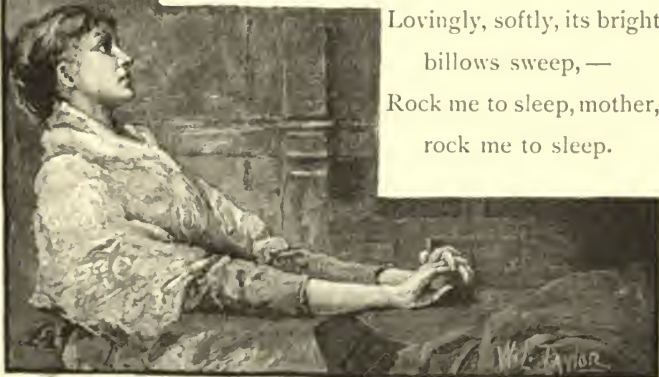




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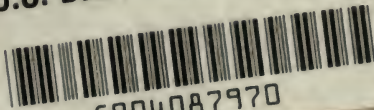
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